

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention that was submitted as a Preliminary Amendment included with a petition to reply to a Notice to File Missing Parts and filed on April 3, 2001, with the following.

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A method for dynamically inverting an Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) system, which includes a central exchange equipment (CE) connected to a service provider network and a user equipment (UE) connected to a user workstation. ~~The CE transmits high-speed data from the service provider network to the user workstation, and receives medium-speed data from the user workstation. CE coding/decoding means translate the high-speed and medium speed data. The UE transmits medium speed data from the user workstation to the service provider network and receives high speed data from the service provider network. UE coding/decoding means translates the medium speed data and high speed data. In response to an inverting request message from the UE, the CE codes mediums speed data and decodes high-speed data. The CE transmits a first message to the UE authorizing reverse mode transmission. In response to the first message, the UE coding/decoding means are activated~~ The CE and UE are interconnected by a PSTN link. The CE includes an ADSL transceiver and a splitter coupled between the CE transceiver and the PSTN link. The splitter includes a low-pass filter for separating low frequency voice signals from high frequency ADSL signals transmitted from the UE. In accordance with the method of the invention, an invert request message encoded as a tone sequence is generated by the UE and transmitted to the CE over the PSTN link. The tone-encoded invert request is received through the CE splitter low-pass filter and is decoded utilizing a tone decoder communicatively coupled between the CE splitter low-pass filter and the CE transceiver.

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A method and system for dynamically inverting an Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) system are disclosed herein. The ADSL system includes a central exchange equipment (CE) connected to a service provider network and a user equipment (UE) connected to a user workstation. The CE and UE are interconnected by a PSTN link. The CE includes an input line for ~~transmitting~~ receiving high-speed data from the service provider network which is then transmitted to the user workstation via a PSTN link, and further includes an output line for ~~receiving~~ sending medium-speed data received from the user workstation to the service provider network. The CE further employs ~~CE~~ ADSL coding/decoding means for coding the high-speed data and decoding the medium-speed data. The UE includes an input line for ~~transmitting~~ receiving medium-speed data from the user workstation which is then transmitted to the service provider network via the PSTN link, and further includes an output line for ~~receiving~~ sending high-speed data received from the service provider network to the user workstation. The UE further includes ~~UE~~ ADSL coding/decoding means for coding the medium-speed data and decoding the high-speed data. In accordance with ~~the method of~~ the present invention, a low-frequency channel employing a tone generator is utilized to transmit an inverting request message is transmitted from the UE to the CE. ~~In response to the inverting request message,~~ which is decoded a low-frequency tone decoder means associated with the CE. Responsive to the decoded inverting request, the CE coding/decoding means are activated for coding medium-speed data on the CE input line and decoding high-speed data on the CE output line. ~~Next, a first acknowledgment message is transmitted from the CE to the UE informing the UE that transmission in reverse mode is authorized. In response to the first acknowledgment message, the UE coding/decoding means are activated. Finally, a second acknowledgment message is transmitted from the UE to the CE informing the CE that switching into reverse mode is completed.~~

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Figures 2A and 2B illustrate, respectively, a block diagram of a conventional ADSL system including the central exchange equipment, and a block diagram of ~~the same~~ an ADSL

system ~~which has been switched into the~~ incorporating reverse mode switching features in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

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Figure 3 is a block diagram depicting an ADSL ~~transmission~~ transceiver unit incorporated within ADSL central exchange equipment or within ADSL user equipment in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

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With reference now to the figures wherein like reference numerals refer to like and corresponding parts throughout, and in particular with reference to Figure 1, there is depicted a communication system 5 including a service provider WAN 10, which may be the Internet network connected to a central exchange equipment (CE) 12 by means of an access node 14. CE 12 includes an ADSL ~~Transmission~~ Transceiver Unit ATU-C 16 and a splitter 18, which splits/merges the low bandwidth voice signals exchanged with a voice CX 20 with modulated data on a PSTN twisted pair 22.

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On the other side, the PSTN twisted pair 22 is also connected to a splitter 24 in a user equipment (UE) 26. Splitter 24 is connected to a telephone set (POTS) 28 to handle voice communications on the one hand, and to an ADSL ~~Transmission~~ Transceiver Unit ATU-R 30 on the other hand. ATU-R 30 is connected to a workstation 32 in the depicted embodiment but could also be attached to a LAN such as the Ethernet network.

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Referring to Figure 2A, there is illustrated a block diagram of a conventional ADSL system including ~~the central exchange equipment~~ CE 12 of Figure 1. According to the configuration illustrated in Figure 2A, ~~central exchange equipment~~ CE 12 includes ATU-C 16 and splitter 18 (connected to voice central exchange CX) and is provided with an input line 34 for ~~inputting~~ receiving high-speed data in the range of several Mbits/s (e.g. 6 Mbits/s) from the access node (depicted in Figure 1), and an output line 36 for outputting medium-speed data in

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the range of several hundred of kbits (e.g., 640 kbits/s) to the access node. Both input line 34 and output line 36 are connected to ATU-C 16. On the other side of the ADSL system depicted in **Figure 2A**, user equipment UE 26 includes splitter 24 (connected to POTS 28) and ATU-R 30 to which are connected an output line 38 for receiving delivering high-speed data received from CE 12 to a user workstation (depicted in Figure 1 as workstation 32), and further includes an input line 40 for transmitting receiving medium-speed data from the user workstation which is then delivered to CE 12 via PSTN link 22.

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Turning to **Figure 2B**, there is depicted ~~the an ADSL system of Figure 2A which has been switched into the~~ incorporating reverse mode switching features according to the method of the present invention. The ADSL system shown in Figure 2B includes a CE 11 coupled to a UE 15 over PSTN link 22. In a preferred embodiment, each of splitters 18 and 24 has includes a request R line 42 and 44, respectively, over which is forwarded a tone sequence of low frequency signals that is used by ATU-C 16 or ATU-R 30 for dynamically inverting the system. Assuming, for example, that a user wants to transmit high-speed data on input line 40', a tone sequence is generated by and forwarded on line 40 from a tone generator (depicted in Figure 3) that is preferably included within splitter 24. Upon detecting the tone sequence, splitters 24 and splitter 18 activate their respective invert request R lines 44 and 42, respectively, wherein each of invert request lines 44 and 42 deliver decoded invert request transaction messages to ATU-Rc 30' and ATU-Cr 16'. At this time, and with reference to Figure 2B together with 2A, resulting, as explained in further detail with reference to Figure 3, in ATU-C 16 becomes ATU-Cr 16' switching to inverted mode ATU-Cr 16' and functions functioning as an ATU-R with input line 34' receiving medium-speed data that is coded as medium speed data within ATU-Cr 16' and output line 36' delivering high-speed data that has been decoded as high-speed data by ATU-Cr 16'. Similarly Conversely, ATU-R 30 becomes switches to inverted mode ATU-Rc 30' and that functions as an ATU-C. ATU-Rc 30' now has a having high-speed output input line 40' receiving high-speed data that is coded as high-speed data by inverted mode ATU-Rc 30' and a medium-speed output line 38' while ATU-Cr 16' now has a medium-speed input line 34' and a high-speed output line 36' delivering medium-speed data that has been decoded as medium speed data by inverted mode ATU-Rc 30'.

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With reference now to **Figure 3**, there is depicted a detailed block diagram of ADSL equipment including an ATU-Cr 46 and a splitter 48 in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. As illustrated in **Figure 3**, ATU-Cr 46 includes an input line 50 for inputting high-speed data and an output line 52 for outputting medium-speed data when operating in the default (i.e. non-inverted) mode. The ADSL equipment illustrated in **Figure 3** is ~~also utilized as~~ likewise representative of a corresponding end-user equipment, wherein the ATU-Cr unit is replaced by i.e., a ATU-Rc unit. It should be noted that many channels that are multiplexed together may be defined as inputs. This is the case, for example, when a full duplex low-speed channel is incorporated using a portion of the bandwidth from the high-speed downstream channel. As additional bandwidth becomes available, more channels are defined, and when the bandwidth is reduced, some channels are suppressed.

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There are two ways to invert the system to facilitate transmission of high-speed data from the user workstation. First, and in a preferred embodiment, in response to receiving a CMD1 request from processing engine 58, a tone generator 62, which as depicted is coupled to a low pass filter 64 within splitter 48 in the user equipment, generates a tone sequence (low frequency signals) that is transmitted on the PSTN twisted pair via a low pass filter 64. Low pass filter 64 serves principally to separate voice signals which are exchanged with a POTS 66. When the tone sequence is received in the central exchange equipment, it is decoded by a tone decoder 68 that is also incorporated within the corresponding splitter 48. Tone decoder 68 sends a R1 command to inform processing engine 58 of the invert request.

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Upon arrival at the central exchange equipment from the PSTN twisted pair, digital data (including the control channel) is first received by high pass filter 70 before being decoded by coding/decoding unit 60 wherein it is decoded. The decoded data is supplied to demultiplexer 72 which extracts the control channel and delivers it to processing engine 58 over line R2. In response to processing engine 58 of the central exchange equipment receiving either command R1 from tone decoder 68, or command R2 from demultiplexer 72, processing engine 58 asserts

B11 an ACT instruction which is a request for ~~activating~~ inverting the activation of coding/decoding unit 60. Upon receiving the activation inversion instruction, coding/decoding unit 60 performs all necessary steps for processing the input data on line 50 as ~~high~~medium-speed data and the output data on line 52 as ~~medium~~high-speed data.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 22 with the following.

B13 Upon setting the ACT line, processing engine 58 either sends a command CMD1 to tone generator 62 or sends a command CMD2 to be inserted in the control channel by multiplexer 54. The command CMD1 is sent for transmitting a tone sequence over the PSTN twisted pair to the user equipment, while CMD2 is for transmitting medium-speed data over the PSTN twisted pair. In either case, the message being sent is an acknowledgment to the user equipment authorizing it to transmit high-speed data ~~on~~ from its ATU input line. It should be noted that the acknowledgement message may be replaced by the superframe itself. In such a case, a line SD to the processing engine of the user equipment is asserted when a medium-speed superframe is detected by demultiplexer 72 of the user equipment.
